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FOR JURICH

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT TEXTILES

1. IN DINNER CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT, PATEL (INDIAN REP TO EC BRUSSELS, WHO IS ALSO ACTIVE IN GATT) ASKED MILLER' S REACTION TO ONE YEAR MORATORIUM ON TEXTILE PROBLEM. PATEL SAID IT IS OBVIOUS PROBLEM CANNOT BE RESOLVED BEFORE SEPTEMBER GATT MINISTERIAL AND EXPIRATION OF COTTON LTA AND ONE YEAR MORATORIUM WOULD GIVE TIME TO HANDLE PROBLEM. BY " MORATORIUM" HE SAID HE MEANT EXTENSION OF LTA AND STANDSTILL ON NEW RESTRICTIONS ON FIBERS OTHER THAN COTTON, BUT SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARD CLAUSE.

2. MILLER RESPONDED THAT WE CONTINUE TO THINK PROBLEM CAN AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW MORATORIUM WOULD WORK FOR FIBERS OTHER THAN COTTON. THIS

WAS FOLLOWED BY NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO CLARIFY MORATORIUM FOR MAN- MADES AND WOOL. PATEL SAID UNDER THIS CONCEPT US WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY RESTRICTIONS TO SUDDENLY- INCREASED IMPORTS OF MAN-MADES FROM NEW SOURCE PROVIDED GROWTH PROVISION WAS OBSERVED. HE WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER OR HOW STANDSTILL AGREEMENT WOULD PRO-

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VIDE LEGAL BASIS FOR IMPORTING COUNTRY ACTION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED
IDEA WOULD NEED ELABORATION.

3. PATEL INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO HANDLE TEXTILES SEPARATELY FROM
MTN BUT SAID IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO DEAL WITH TEXTILES IN
ADVANCE BOTH BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME AND BECAUSE EXPORTING DEVEL-
OPING COUNTRIES THINK THEY WOULD LOSE LEVERAGE. (COMPARE FRENCH
VIEW GENEVA 766.)

4. PATTERSON (SECRETARIAT) TOLD US HE HAD HEARD OF STANDSTILL
IDEA BUT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WOULD MEAN FOR FIBERS OTHER
THAN COTTON. RIMESTAD

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